

Georgia Recycling Coalition

Green Sheet Update



Welcome to GRC's monthly Green Sheet Electronic Update! We hope you find the information helpful.

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Recycling & Economic Development GRC 4th Quarter Meeting & ARD Luncheon



Thursday December 8, 2016
Mohawk Light Lab
508 E. Morris Street
Dalton, GA 30720

9:00 AM Facility Tours:
Shaw Reclaim to Energy Carpet Facility
plus
J & J Flooring

11:30 AM Luncheon with Program
Fee: \$40

1:30-3:00-Compost "Make & Take" Workshop
\$30 materials fee

Details & Registration:

<http://georgiarecyclingcoalition.wildapricot.org/>

What do the Atlanta Falcons and Aluminum Cans Have in Common?



On September 11 at their first home game of the season, the Atlanta Falcons and Novelis, the world leader in aluminum rolling and recycling, launched Recycle for Good, a campaign challenging Falcons fans to recycle 3 million aluminum cans throughout the 2016 football season.

Novelis, the Official Recycling Partner of the Atlanta Falcons, will recycle the collected cans locally at its Greensboro, Georgia recycling facility and convert the value of the aluminum into funding the build of an Atlanta Habitat for Humanity house in Atlanta's historic Westside community.

"Aluminum cans are the most valuable material in the recycling bin," said Sil Colalancia, director, Recycling, Novelis North America. "When fans put cans in the trash, they are actually throwing away money. Through Recycle for Good, we are educating fans about the true value of recycling, both for the environment

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and for the community."

The value of 3 million recycled aluminum cans is enough to fund the entire construction of the Atlanta Habitat for Humanity home. In the state of Georgia, more than \$70 million worth of aluminum goes to landfill each year.

New EPA Web Portal Helps Communities Prepare for Climate Change



The U.S. EPA recently launched a new online portal that will provide local leaders in the nation's 40,000 communities with information and tools to increase resilience to climate change. Using a self-guided format, the Adaptation Resource Center (ARC-X) provides users with information tailored specifically to their needs, based on where they live and the particular issues of concern to them.

Recent statistics from the Office of Management and Budget show the federal government has incurred more than \$357 billion in direct costs due to extreme weather and fire alone over the last 10 years. Climate change is also expected to pose significant financial and infrastructural challenges to communities in coming decades. "From floods and droughts to dangerous heat islands and other public health effects, communities are facing the very real impacts of climate change," said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. "ARC-X is a powerful new tool that can help local governments continue to deliver reliable, cost-effective services even as the climate changes."

The system guides users through all steps of an adaptation process, providing information on the implications of climate change for particular regions and issues of concern; adaptation strategies that can be implemented to address the risks posed by climate change; case studies that illustrate how other communities with similar concerns have already successfully adapted, along with instructions on how to replicate their efforts, potential EPA tools to help implement the adaptation strategies; and sources of funding and technical assistance from EPA and other federal agencies.

To access ARC-X: www.epa.gov/ARC-X

For climate adaptation training:

www.epa.gov/communityhealth/local-government-climate-adaptation-training

Novelis and Discovery Education Launch a New Recycling Education Program

What is the impact of recycling just ONE can? Novelis and Discovery Education are proud to present ***Life of a Can***, a brand new elementary recycling



education program that allows students to explore this question and many more! The program empowers students to make a positive environmental impact through standards-aligned lesson plans and interactive classroom activities focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) as they explore the never-ending lifecycle of a recycled aluminum can.

<http://www.lifeofacan.com/>

American Kidney Services Grows Green!

AKS is in the process of converting their fleet of trucks over to propane! The benefits are many but most importantly the reduction in greenhouse gasses.



Propane generates fewer GHG emissions in almost every application. At the point of use, propane has a lower carbon content than gasoline, diesel, heavy fuel oil, or ethanol.



They also recently diverted over 3,000 T-shirts from the landfill; they were all made from recycled plastic bottles but they were going to throw them all away unless they could be picked up the following day, which AKS was happy to do. Now the 100% recycled content

T-shirts, made in North America will be re-used for a great cause!

According to the Huffington Post it can take 2,700 liters to produce the cotton needed to make a single T-shirt. That's 8,100,000 liters for 3,000 shirts. **Crazy numbers, right?**

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and remember to reduce, re-use and recycle!



Thank you for your continued support of our great state recycling organization!

Sincerely,

Gloria Hardegree
Georgia Recycling Coalition